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Application of: Wolfgang SCHNEIDER, et al.  
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GRAIN REFINING AGENT TO METAL MELTS

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**SECOND AMENDMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116(b) – EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

Sir:

In order to place the above-identified patent application in better condition for  
appeal, it is requested that the following Amendments be made to the claims.